

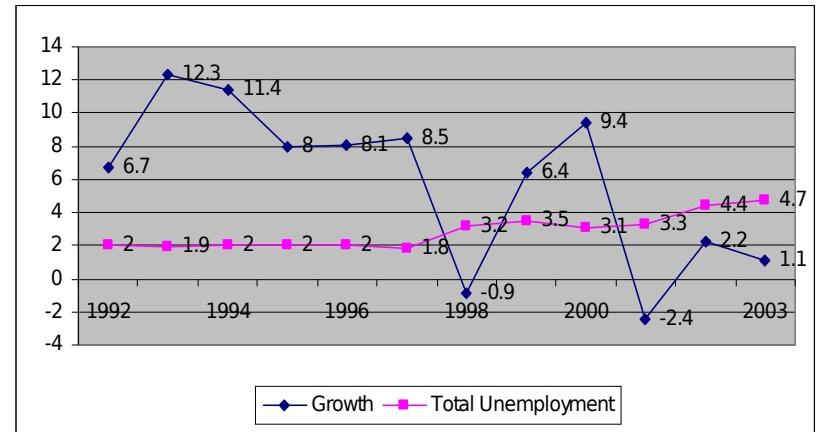
# Conference

## Welcome to Singapore - Sept 16, 2004

- Domestic economic and political situation
- Regional and CT situation
- USG: Civilian-Military Relations
- Embassy goals

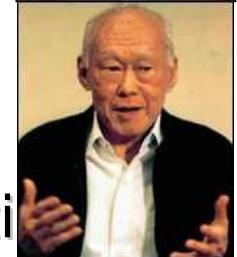
# Singapore's Economy

- **Successful, but facing structural challenges**



- Trade: \$278 B annually (\$32 B with US in 2003, with US enjoying a \$1.4 B surplus)
- Population: 4.1 million; GDP: \$23,000 per capita
- Economy on cyclical upswing thanks to US, China.
- 1.1% growth in 2003; 8-9% expected for 2004
- Resident unemployment: 4.5% -- high but

# Singapore Politics



- **Stable, but anxiety over effect of war on terror/Middle East issues on racial harmony**
  
- New PM Lee Hsien Loong took office Aug 12, ending 14 years under Goh Chok Tong
- PAP in power since 1959, holds 82 of 84 Parliamentary seats
- Why? Good government, economic success, no corruption, strong incumbency advantages – SARS highlighted competence
- Ethnic harmony longstanding concern (population is 77% Chinese, 14% Malay, 7% Indian)

# The Difficult Neighborhood

- **Concern about the growth of Islamic radicalism -- 9/11 was a watershed event**

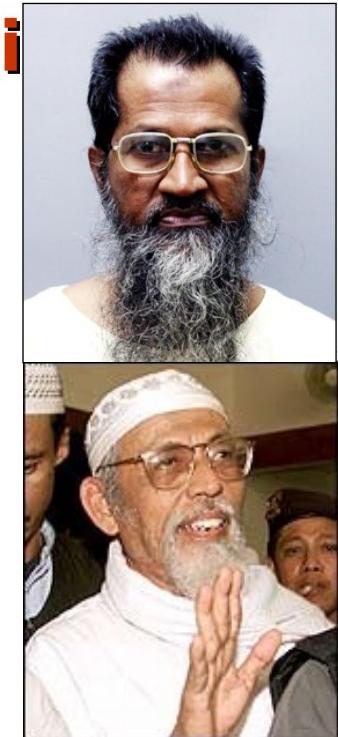
Singapore's views:

- Indonesia: Concern about long-term economic & terrorism/extremist minority. Faint hopes presidential election next week will end "muddling through."
- Malaysia: Stable now, but UMNO faces long-term challenge by Islamic party. New PM Abdullah Badawi capable, more friendly.
- China: Economic challenge and opportunity, but not a strategic threat (for now).



# Terrorism in Singapore

- **Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) “severely disrupted” in Singapore; concerns about Indonesia**
- JI network uncovered after September 11
- Planned seven truck bombs in Singapore – Principal target: this Mission
- 37 JI detainees now held under Internal Security Act (ISA)
- Additional arrests in Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand
- Threat remains



# USG Presence in Singapore

- **Regional base for USG:  
about 40 countries covered  
from Embassy Singapore**
- Medium-sized Embassy: 136 Americans, 113 Singaporeans
- Wide range of agencies: State, Homeland Security, Defense, Commerce, Agriculture, FAA
- Large law enforcement representation: FBI, DEA, DHS (ICE, TSA & Coast Guard)
- Military : 160+ uniformed personnel supporting naval and air operations in the Western Pacific



# U.S. DoD Presence in Singapore

## **DOD Commands Located at PSA Sembawang Wharves**

	Uniform	GS	Total
Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific	62	4	66
Naval Regional Contracting Command	21	22	43
Customer Service Detachment	2	1	3
497th Combat Training Squadron	42	1	43
Naval Oceanography Command	0	2	2
Military Sealift Command Detachment	5	11	16
Naval Criminal Investigative Service	0	18	18
MISD (U.S. Coast Guard)	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>194</b>

## **DOD Commands Located at Paya Lebar**

Defense Contract Management Agency 6 4 10

## **DOD Commands Located at U.S. Embassy, Singapore**

	1	2	3
U.S. Defense Attache Office	14	1	15
Office of Defense Cooperation	7	1	8
Marine Security Guard Detachment	5	0	5
Total	26	2	28

## Total US Military in Singapore

167

**232**

## Including Dependents: 605

(Plus 63 FSN positions)

**63**

# Total US Military Employed Positions in Singapore

295



United States Embassy  
*Singapore*



## Our Goals

- Cooperate in war against terrorism
- Encourage closer law enforcement cooperation; tighter trade controls
- Promote U.S. business and trade
- Citizen services: safety, well-being, documentation (15,000 Americans)
- Nurture military links